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REMARKS

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1. [redacted] troop units were loaded at the Schwerin (M 54/T 46) freight yard during the nights prior to 5 May 1951.
2. On 3 May, a convoy of about 50 trucks, each occupied by about 20 soldiers with field equipment was seen leaving the Adolf Hitler Kaserne toward Ludwigslust. Trucks [redacted] were identified. 50X1-HUM
3. On 12 May, two buildings of the Moltke Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse were occupied by from 400 to 500 troops. Gate guards wore tank insignia. Six JS tanks were parked in the barracks yard. Motor vehicles observed in barracks traffic [redacted] 50X1-HUM
4. Vehicles which left the Krueger Kaserne on Ludwigsluster Strasse toward Griebitz at about 2 p.m. on 10 May included 8 prime movers, each towing an artillery piece of apparently 76.2-mm. and 12 trucks, each carrying about 20 soldiers. Trucks [redacted] were identified. An estimated 100 troops remained at the barracks installation. 50X1-HUM
5. The Fritsch Kaserne on Johannes Stolling Strasse was only partially occupied on 12 May. Gate guards wore signal insignia. Trucks [redacted] entered the billeting area. 50X1-HUM
6. Only one building of the Hindenburg Kaserne on Guestrower Strasse was occupied on 12 May. It quartered 200 to 300 troops. Sentries at the barracks gates were artillerymen. Trucks [redacted] were identified at the installation. 50X1-HUM
7. The ordnance branch depot at Sternbuchholz was occupied by about 200 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. A telephone line led from the depot to the Adolf Hitler Kaserne. Trucks [redacted] were identified at the depot. 50X1-HUM

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8. A Soviet general and sedans [redacted] were seen in the restricted area on Schlossgarten Allee. *

[redacted] Comment. Apart from the departure of a bridge construction unit on 23 April and the loading of 12 tanks and 10 rocket launchers on 25 April 1951, no substantial changes in the disposition of troops at the Schwerin post were discernible prior to 1 May 1951. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] The troop movements observed in early May 1951, may have been linked with a transfer of units to a troop training grounds rather than with a field exercise at the military post. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
The probability of a movement to a troop training grounds is supported by the loading operations observed until 5 May 1951. Since the present report indicates that a truck convoy with about 1,500 troops and a column of eight artillery pieces with about 250 troops left the post in a southeasterly direction, and since a previous report mentioned the unloading of three troop trains, including a train with tank troops, in the Wittstock maneuver area on 10 May 1951, it is conceivable that elements of the IX Ltz Rifle Corps and the 94th Gds Ltz Rifle Div from Schwerin may have moved to the Wittstock maneuver area. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
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